



# Facts About... The Bay-Delta

**Area of the Watershed:** The system drains more than 61,000 square miles, or 37 % of the state.

**Area of the Delta:** 738,000 acres.

**Delta Inflow\*:** Inflow ranges from 6 to 69 MAF per year; average is 24 MAF.\*\*

**Diversions:** Over 7,000 diversifiers draw water from the system.

**Delta Exports\*:** The State Water Project and Central Valley Project draw an average of 5.9 MAF each year.

**In-Delta Water Use:** Net averages approximately 1 MAF annually.

**Flora:** Over 400 plant species, not including agricultural crops.

**Fauna:** 225 birds, 52 mammals, and 22 reptile and amphibian species.

**Fish:** 130 fish species.

**Marshes:** There are 8,000 acres of tidal marsh in the Delta (originally there were 345,000 acres).

**Levees and Channels:** Over 700 miles of waterways are protected by 1,100 miles of levees.

**Subsidence:** Some Delta lands are more than 20 feet below sea level.

**Delta Farmland:** Over 52,000 acres are farmed.

**Principal Crops:** The most commonly grown Delta crops are wheat, alfalfa, corn and tomatoes.

**Agriculture Value:** Average annual gross value of Delta production is \$500 million.

**Recreation:** About 12 million people per year enjoy camping, hiking, sightseeing, bicycling, horseback riding, boating, waterskiing, fishing, etc.

\* Simulated flow is based on historical hydrology, but with existing storage and conveyance facilities in place and operating to meet 1995 levels of demand.

\*\* MAF are million acre feet.

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